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Letter dated 2 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, containing the Montevideo Declaration that was signed in Montevideo on 28 February 1995 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Peru and the representatives of the four Guarantor Countries of the Rio de Janeiro Protocol of 1942. The Declaration reaffirms the cease-fire agreement reached between Ecuador and Peru on 17 February 1995 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 74, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Press release issued on 28 February 1995 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador announced that, following a lengthy meeting held today, 28 February 1995, in Montevideo, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Guarantor Countries of the Rio de Janeiro Protocol, together with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Peru, signed the Montevideo Declaration, in which they emphasized their political will to promote the peace process and the cessation of hostilities in the conflict between the two countries, in accordance with the Itamaraty Declaration, which was signed on 17 February 1995.

The text of the Montevideo Declaration is as follows:

"The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Guarantor Countries of the Rio de Janeiro Protocol, meeting in Montevideo on 28 February 1995, held talks with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Peru, as a result of which:

"1. The Parties thank the Guarantor Countries for their initiative to hold this meeting in Montevideo, which demonstrates their readiness to engage in a constructive dialogue with a view to consolidating peace through the full implementation of the Itamaraty Peace Declaration of 17 February 1995 in a spirit of goodwill and confidence-building.

"2. The Parties reiterate their commitment to the immediate and effective cease-fire established in the Declaration.

"3. The Parties express their thanks for the initiative of the Guarantor Countries to arrange for the immediate dispatch of their observers or representatives to the area, which will permit the supervision of the cease-fire and the concentration of forces in the previously agreed points (Coangos and PV1).

"4. The Guarantor Countries reiterate their commitment to continue to carry out their obligations under the Rio de Janeiro Protocol, which will help bring the Parties together and contribute to the full consolidation of peace between Ecuador and Peru.

"Montevideo, 28 February 1995.

"(Signed)	Galo LEORO F. Ecuador	(Signed)	Efraín GOLDEMBERG Peru
"(Signed)	Guido DI TELLA Argentina	(Signed)	Luis Felipe LAMPREIRA Brazil
"(Signed)	José Miguel INSULZA Chile	(Signed)	Alexander WATSON United States of America"

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The Government of Ecuador takes this opportunity to declare once again that, in keeping with its dedication to peace, it remains willing to observe the agreed cease-fire and hopes that the Government of Peru will honour the commitment that it assumed when it signed the Itamaraty Declaration.